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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 9, 2004, please consider the following.

With this amendment five independent claims and 34 total claims will be in this case.

Applicants have previously paid the claim fees for seven independent claims and 34 total claims.

Therefore, extensions of time or fees are believed not to be due for consideration of this paper. If any extensions of time are deemed necessary or any additional fees deemed due, please grant such extensions and charge any such additional fees to Deposit Account 23-3030, but not to include issue fees.

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